

I-90 corridor e-mail update

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Greetings!

The I-90 Snoqualmie Pass East project team is pleased to send you the first edition of the I-90 project e-mail update. You are welcome to forward this to others you feel might be interested in the project. To opt out of this e-mail update, click on the link at the bottom of this page.

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Use our travel graphs to plan your Memorial day weekend trip

WSDOT has developed tools to help you plan your trip during Memorial Day weekend. We've developed graphs to show you typical traffic volumes across the state.

Visualize the future of Snoqualmie Pass

WSDOT is going high-tech! We've developed a <u>fly-through animation</u> of the first five miles of the project and posted it on YouTube.

Visit our updated website!

To learn more, please visit the <u>I-90 Snoqualmie Pass East Project</u> website. You will find:

- · I-90 photos , past and present
- The history of the interstate
- Cameras showing <u>current pass conditions</u>
- A children's activity book
- Animated <u>fly-through concept</u> of the project

New I-90 HOV lane and ramp under construction between Bellevue and Mercer Island

Last month, we joined Sound Transit to kick off construction of a new HOV lane and ramp on westbound I-90 between Bellevue Way and 80th Avenue SE on Mercer Island . These improvements are part of the first stage of our I-90 Two-Way Transit and HOV Operations project. Currently, buses and carpools traveling in the off-peak direction on I-90 get stuck in traffic because the reversible center express lanes only operate in the peak direction (westbound in the morning and eastbound at night). We're working with Sound Transit to fix this growing problem by adding a new 24-hour HOV lane in each direction.

This project is divided into three stages. For more information please visit $\underline{\text{our project Web page}}$ or $\underline{\text{Sound Transit's project Web page}}$.